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E.O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJECT:MIG-25 TRANSPORTATION COSTS

1. WE PLAN TO HANDLE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MIG-25 TRANSPORTATION COSTS IN ROUTINE MANNER INVOLVING LETTER REQUEST FROM STATE TO DEFENSE FOR THIS SERVICE ON BEHALF OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. (LETTER WOULD BE FROM ASST. SECY THOMAS TO ASST. SECDEF FOR INSTALLATIONS AND LOGISTICS). DOD WOULD THEN PRESENT BILLING TO DEPARTMENT WHICH WOULD IN TURN FORWARD IT TO GOJ FOR DIRECT SETTLEMENT (GOJ COULD TRANSMIT PAYMENT TO US MILITARY THROUGH EMBASSY).

2. DOD INFORMS US THAT A REQUEST OF THIS TYPE MADE ON BEHALF OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ENTITLE SUCH GOVERNMENT TO BE CHARGED A "US GOVERNMENT RATE". IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$44,000.

3. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT A REQUEST ON BEHALF OF GOJ WOULD BE MOST OPEN WAY OF HANDLING THIS PROBLEM AND WOULD

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BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE JAPANESE CONTROL

OF OPERATION. SHOULD THERE BE ANY SUBSEQUENT QUESTION ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE, WE COULD DEFEND IT BY POINTING OUT THAT WE GAVE NO SPECIAL TREATMENT OR "DISCOUNT" TO GOJ, BUT HANDLED THEIR REQUEST IN A ROUTINE FASHION JUST AS

WE WOULD HAVE DONE FOR OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS.

4. WE ASSUME THIS PROCEDURE WILL MEET EMBASSY NEEDS AND NOT CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR GOJ. HABIB

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